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Dear President Bignone:

Our Committee was very happy to receive the news that Mr. Gustavo Westerkamp was recently released from PEN detention. Mr. Westerkamp and his family are well known to myself and other members of our Committee. To our knowledge, Mr. Westerkamp was never accused of committing any crime. Nor is there anything in his character or background to justify his detention or any restriction on his liberty.

We commend your Government for releasing Gustavo Westerkamp from detention, and for the release in June of 240 other PEN detainees who had never been charged or convicted of any crimes.

On another note, our Committee is profoundly concerned over reports that several leaders of the Madres de la Plaza de Mayo have in recent weeks been the subject of threats and intimidation for their activities on behalf of their disappeared children. Most disturbing are reports that men who identified themselves as Federal Police entered the apartment buildings of Sra. Maria Adela Antokoletz and Sra. Juanita Pargament and posted threatening signs throughout the buildings.

We have also received troubling reports that Dr. Emilio Mignone and Dra. Alicia Oliveria, lawyers associated with the Centro para Estudios Legales y Sociales ("CELS") who represent the threatened Mothers, have themselves received threats.

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The release of PEM detainees and other steps your Government is taking to restore constitutional rights in Argentina stand in contrast to the threats made against the Madres of the Plaza de Mayo and their legal representatives. We look forward to hearing what steps your Government is taking to denounce those who are responsible for these threats.

Thank you for your kind consideration of these matters.

Respectfully and sincerely yours,



R. Scott Greathead  
Chairman